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STEVEN J. BURTON, National Chairman

Dear Harold,

Thank you for your letter of 1/27.

RE: HALL

It will be o.k. to drive up there. The airport is only a few miles from Hall's home, but he'd have to pick us up. I do not relish the idea of driving with him. We are very friendly. In fact, I'm visiting him at the veteran's hospital here tomorrow. He wants a radio to listen to, so he'll owe me a favor. (Don't worry too m uch, its jaundice.) Although I'm not the one to judge, it may not be a good idea to bring Art with us. It was reported to us that Hall was cussing Art out behind his back (That fucker's a Garrison man!). I don't know what he says about me behind my back.

RE: SCHOOL

It is very considerate of you to be concerned with me missing five weeks of school, but you are wrong. Under the quearter system at UCLA, I can skip any quarter in the year without penalty (with the draft, either). This quarter will be over in early March, so I'll have a full three months with no academic obligations. My parents will pay for me to fly to New Orleans for press accreditation day and come back for finals. Then, LNS will pay for the second trip down.

RE: ACCOMMODATIONS IN NEW ORLEANS

Thank you for the provisional offer of sharing your room. I think, though, that it is better that Hal do it. Let's face it, Hal is not in as good financial shape as I am and he needs it more. If my news service doesn't come through for accommodations, my parents will pick up the tab. I don't want to do it that way, but if I have to I will. Hal can't.

RE: MANNLICHER CARCANO

The Mannlicher Carcano for one of our guys had belonged to Lifton. It was not the same model and had no scope or clip.

RE: CONSULTATION ON CLASSIFIED MATERIAL

You said that I should consult only Hal (in San Francisco) about e.g. showing Dolan confidential material. The implication is that I should not consult Bill Turner. I have to say, Harold, that I have a great deal of respect for Bill. He has done a tremendous job. Yes, a lot of his article was also in your book, but I can't say that it was plagiarized. Some things (e.g. the Camp-Lafayette association) that are so obvious to anyone who goes to New Orleans that for two people to print it is not an insult to anyone. I have known Bill for a year and know that he is nothing less than honorable. His judgment is usually good, so I consulted him.

RE: MAGGIE

Yes, Maggie is back. If I did not mention her in my letters, it was inadvertant. She enjoyed her trip immensely.

We'll follow your requests re: your visit. I'll speak to Hal Saturday so that I might catch you also. Thanks also for the possibility of a car while we're there.

Look forward to seeing you again.

Best wishes,

Steve

Steven J. Burton
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